

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that foreign fishing vessels are frequently visiting the coasts of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and whether Government apprehend any ulterior motive behind it; and

(d) how many such vessels are confiscated during the last three years and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHARAN SINGH) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At times foreign fishing vessels are sighted in our territorial waters in Andaman and Nicobar Islands. These have been found to have entered our water mostly under distress without any ulterior motive.

(d) Two foreign fishing vessels have been captured and confiscated during the last three years. An appeal against the confiscation of one of these vessels is pending in the Calcutta High Court.

Creation of Higher Posts in Doordarshan during Emergency

*761. SHRI R. L. P. VERMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether several higher posts were created in Doordarshan during Emergency;

(b) whether at the same time the claim of staff artistes category for promotions was completely ignored on the pretext of new structure;

(c) whether several higher posts were created to absorb certain regular categories of Doordarshan; and

(d) if so, the full facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) to (d). On separation of television from All India Radio with effect from 1st April, 1976, the Directorate General of Doordarshan was set-up as an independent organisation. This necessitated creation of a number of posts of different categories for the headquarters' office. Some posts were also created for Central Purchase and Stores Office, Commercial Service, various Doordarshan Kendras and for the SITE continuity programme.

There was no standard staffing pattern laid down for Doordarshan Kendras. The posts sanctioned before and during the emergency were, therefore, on *ad hoc* basis. The Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance has since formulated a staffing pattern for the Doordarshan Kendras, which has been accepted by Government and is in the process of implementation.

It is incorrect that the claim of staff artistes for promotion was completely ignored. Taking note of inadequate promotion prospects, the Staff Inspection Unit has recommended the introduction of selection grades for areas which have little promotion prospects. This will be taken into consideration when implementing the approved staffing pattern.

Broadcast of Programme 'Yuv Vani' from A.I.R.

*762. PROF. P. G. MAVALANKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government evaluate periodically the programmes broadcast on A.I.R. in the special series of programmes entitled "Yuv Vani";

(b) if so, how and when; and

(c) the broad findings of such an evaluation, and the changes and improvements effected as a result?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Audience Research Unit of A.I.R. conducts field surveys to evaluate these and other programmes in accordance with the priorities determined every year. There is no fixed periodicity for carrying out these surveys.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The broad findings of the various studies conducted for 'Yuva Vani' at different centres indicated that:

(i) There was good listening to Yuva Vani programmes at different places with an average of about 34% of regular and frequent listening taken together.

- (ii) Yuva Vani programmes have helped a large section of youth in gaining additional knowledge and in knowing the views of other youth. On the other hand, their high expectations from this programme in terms of education, training, vocational guidance and providing them with a suitable platform for their participation and free expression of views were fulfilled only to a limited extent.
- (iii) Divergent views were expressed in respect of 'entertainment' component of this programme. At some places like Ahmedabad, Delhi and Calcutta, majority of the listeners found these programmes to be entertaining while at places like Madras and Bangalore lesser proportion of listeners found it so.
- (iv) By and large, the listeners were in favour of continuing the programme.

As regards changes and improvements effected in the programmes as a result of the findings of the evaluation, the findings do not call for any major change in the Yuva Vani programme. However, suggestions received from time to time are kept in view, subject to their feasibility when framing future programmes.

Shifting of Offices of Hindustan Paper Corporation of India

*763. SHRI G. M. BANATWALIA:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH
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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the offices of the Hindustan Paper Corporation of India have been shifted from Delhi to Calcutta;
- (b) if so, the date on which the offices were shifted and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether an assurance was given by the then Minister of Industry during the year 1974 and 1975 that the offices of the Hindustan Paper Corporation will not be shifted; and
- (d) whether Government propose to conduct an inquiry into the circumstances under which the offices were shifted?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY
(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The following divisions of the Hin-

dustan Paper Corporation have been shifted from Delhi to Calcutta:

1. Project Implementation & Engineering Division
2. Purchase Division
3. Sales Division
4. Finance and Accounts Division.

(b) the shifting took place during the months of April to June, 1976. In accordance with the general policy of Government, no new offices of the Central Government or Semi-Government organisations (including public sector enterprises) were to be established in Delhi without express approval of Government. Even at the initial stage of setting up the Hindustan Paper Corporation, Government had decided that while the Corporation would be in Delhi in its formative stages, the Head Office would be moved to an appropriate place other than Delhi (or its neighbourhood) later. The Board of Directors of the Hindustan Paper Corporation had examined the question of a suitable location for the Head quarters of the Corporation in February, 1975. The following factors were then taken into account:

- (1) The major projects of the Corporation viz. the Nagaland Project and the Nowgong & Cachar Projects were being taken up in the North-Eastern Region.
- (2) The important equipment and machinery manufacturers and a major part of the engineering industry on which the machinery manufacturers and the Hindustan Paper Corporation had to depend for fabrication of structural work were also located in the Calcutta area.
- (3) The marketing centre for the entire output of the Nowgong, Cachar and Nagaland Paper Mills would be from Calcutta and it was necessary to concentrate the sales activity in this area.

In view of the above, the Board decided in February 1975 that it would be advantageous to shift the headquarters of the Hindustan Paper Corporation to Calcutta. The recommendation of the Board of Directors was considered by the Government which, after taking into account all the relevant factors including those listed above, decided that some of the substantive divisions of the H.P.C. should be shifted to Calcutta. The Board of Directors of the Corporation would have to decide on the question of shifting the remaining Divisions also in due course.